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SUBJECT: MANAGUA TERRORIST INCIDENT: REPORT OF COLOMBIAN
AMBASSADOR'S INVOLVEMENT

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1. COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR ADVISES THAT HE AT NO TIME OFFERED
ASYLUM OR WAS CALLED UPON TO OFFER ASYLUM TO FSLN TERRORIST.
HE BELIEVES THAT CONFUSION POSSIBLY AROSE FROM DISCUSSION BETWEEN
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AS TO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES
OF OFFERING ASYLUM TO TERRORISTS IN EXCHANGE FOR HOSTAGES. THIS
WAS PURELY INFORMAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN SEVERAL AMBASSADORS
IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA. COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR STATED
THAT IN VIEW OF APPARENT PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS, NO NEED FOR OFFER
OF ASYLUM WAS SEEN AND IDEA WAS DROPPED.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL
FROM BOGOTA NEWSPAPER CARACOL ASKING FOR STATEMENT ON PROGRESS
OF NEGOTIATIONS RE TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES, AND DURING COURSE
OF CONVERSATION HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD OFFERED ASYLUM TO FSLN
TERRORISTS. COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS THAT HE REPLIED NO,
THAT NO SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION
OF OFFERING SUCH ASYLUM, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT SAY CATEGORICALLY
HE WOULD REFUSE SUCH REQUEST UNTIL IT WERE MADE.

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3. AMBASSADOR BARON SAYS THAT CARACOL NEWSPAPER TOTALLY MISQUOTED HIM AND COMPLETELY DISTORTED ENTIRE CONVERSATION. AMBASSADOR BARON DOES NOT INDICATE THAT HE HAS HAD ANY DIFFICULTY WITH COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, ALTHOUGH HE INTENDS TO CALL FONMIN TOMORROW RE CARACOL STORY. SHELTON.

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